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### HEARING SCHEDULED AND SPECIAL MASTERS APPOINTED IN MATTER CONCERNING JUDGE SALVADOR SARMIENTO

On February 21, 2012, the Commission on Judicial Performance announced it had instituted formal proceedings to inquire into matters concerning Judge Salvador Sarmiento, a judge of the Orange County Superior Court. The hearing has been scheduled to begin on Wednesday, June 13, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Fourth District Court of Appeal at 601 West Santa Ana Blvd., in Santa Ana, California. The hearing will be open to the public.

Under the rules that govern Commission proceedings, the hearing will be conducted by special masters appointed by the Supreme Court: Hon. Vance W. Raye, Court of Appeal, Third Appellate District; Hon. Dennis M. Perluss, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Seven; and Hon. Ronni B. MacLaren, Superior Court of Alameda County.

At the hearing, the parties will have an opportunity to introduce evidence and examine and cross-examine witnesses. Gary Schons, Esq. has been designated as examiner. Judge Sarmiento is represented by attorney Randall A. Miller, of Miller LLP, Los Angeles, California.

Following completion of the hearing, the special masters will provide the Commission with a report containing their findings with respect to the charges. The parties will have an opportunity to respond to the report through briefing and argument before the Commission. If the Commission determines that the charges are proved by clear and convincing evidence, it is empowered to impose discipline as provided in the California Constitution. Charges that the Commission determines are not proved will be dismissed.

The Commission is composed of three judges, two lawyers, and six public members. The Chairperson is Mr. Lawrence J. Simi of San Francisco, California. Commission member Hon. Frederick P. Horn is recused in this matter.

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